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Letter dated 26 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on former Yugoslavia, issued in Lisbon on 25 May 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list, entitled: "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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ANNEX

Lisbon Conference for the Coordination of Aid to Newly-Independent States (24 and 25 May 1992)

CONCLUSIONS ON THE SITUATION IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

The Ministers expressed dismay at the resort to force and its escalation in conflicts inside the former Yugoslavia, notably in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which not only was causing immense human suffering but could also have a destabilizing effect in the region and compromise reform efforts elsewhere in Europe.

They therefore called upon all parties involved to exercise maximum restraint and to comply with the principles of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), while pursuing negotiations for political solutions to the crisis within the framework of the ongoing peace conference.

The absence of such an approach by the conflicting parties could entail appropriate steps at the national and multilateral levels aimed at ensuring that those responsible for the continuation of violence and disrespect for human rights would be held responsible before the international community.